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AMENDMENT "B"

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In The Claims:

Please amend claims 14, 17, 37, 51, and 53 as follows:

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14. (Amended) [A] An unwarped, laminated composite wood product made by a method comprising the steps of:
- (a) forming a layered structure comprising a rigid substrate layer having two substantially flat sides, a resin-saturated sheet layer disposed on each of said sides, and a veneer layer disposed on only one of said sheet layers; and,
  - (b) subjecting said structure to elevated temperature and pressure in a pressing apparatus for a time sufficient to cure said resin at said temperature and pressure,
- to provide an unwarped, laminated composite wood product.